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Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**[Docket No. ER97-1412-000]**

**Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation; Notice of Filing**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 28, 1997, Niobrara Valley Electric Membership Corporation (Niobrara) tendered for filing as a rate schedule an executed Agreement with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) entitled "Agreement for Joint Planning and Ownership of Subtransmission Facilities" dated January 22, 1979, as amended. Niobrara explains that the filing is made pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (F) of the Commission's Order of October 30, 1996 in *Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. et al.*, Docket Nos. OA96-41-000 et al.

The filing states that the Agreement with NPPD is the sole document in Niobrara's possession or control that establishes a basis for the use of its subtransmission facilities. Niobrara states that it has, through agreements with NPPD, turned over responsibility for operational control of its facilities to NPPD, the control area operator. Any charges for the use of Niobrara's facilities are said to be developed by NPPD and are part of the overall rates that NPPD charges for its sale and transmission facilities.

Niobrara's filing indicates that, under the Agreement, each party pays for service on its facilities on the basis of a formula which compares each party's proportion of the total investment to its proportion of the noncoincidental peak load. As of the date of the filing, according to Niobrara, it is deemed the deficient party and makes a monthly payment to NPPD. Niobrara states that it receives no revenues for use of the facilities, directly or indirectly.

Niobrara's filing also notes that it has filed a motion for reconsideration of the Commission's Order determining that it is performing jurisdictional transmission service.

Niobrara seeks a waiver of the requirement for filing supporting data, required to accompany a rate schedule filing, citing its small size and small administrative staff. Noting that the Agreement has been in force for 18 years and is the basis for continued service to its retail customers, Niobrara has also sought a waiver of the notice

requirements in the Commission's Regulations and an immediate effective date for the Agreement.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protest said filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 18 CFR 385.214). All such motions or protests should be filed on or before February 14, 1997. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**[Docket No. CP97-208-000]**

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 27, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124-1000, filed in Docket No. CP97-208-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.212 and 157.216) for authorization to operate an upgrade to an existing delivery point in Washington County, Minnesota, under Northern's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-401-000 pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

Northern states that due to extreme winter weather conditions and fear of facility failure, the Hasting #1C TBS was upgraded pursuant to the emergency provisions of Part 284 Subpart I of the Commission's Regulations (emergency regulations) to accommodate emergency natural gas deliveries for Minnegasco, a Division of NorAm Energy Corp. (Minnegasco). This upgrading assured the protection of 2,310 residential and commercial customers served by this station. On January 16, 1997, Minnegasco filed its 48-hour report as required by Section 284.270(b) of the

Commission's Regulations. The upgrading included the replacement of the existing meter and appurtenant facilities (e.g., meter run and piping) with larger facilities. The facilities constructed under the emergency regulations and costing \$32,000 will be paid for by Minnegasco in accordance with Section 284.264(a)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Regulations. Northern states that service is being provided to Minnegasco pursuant to currently effective throughput service agreement(s). Northern's proposed accounting entries will reflect the retirement of the meter and appurtenant facilities associated with the upgrade facilities.

Northern states that the total volumes to be delivered to Minnegasco after the request do not exceed the total volumes authorized prior to the request. Northern states that the proposed activity is not prohibited by its existing tariff and that it has sufficient capacity to accommodate the upgraded facilities without detriment or disadvantage to Northern's other customers.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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**[Docket No. RP97-247-000]**

**Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff**

February 5, 1997.

Take notice that on January 31, 1997, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets proposed to become effective on April 1, 1997:

Second Revised Sheet No. 257